

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended Figs. 7-13 to include the legend "Prior Art." In addition, claim 13 has been cancelled, without prejudice, and claims 4, 12 and 14 have been amended. More specifically, claim 4 has been amended to add the word "wherein", claim 12 has been amended to address the objection thereto, and claim 14 has been amended to depend on claim 1. Support for the amendment to claim 14 can be found, for example, on pages 20 and 21 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner of the indication of allowance of claims 1-11. As all remaining pending claims depend from allowed claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited.

If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

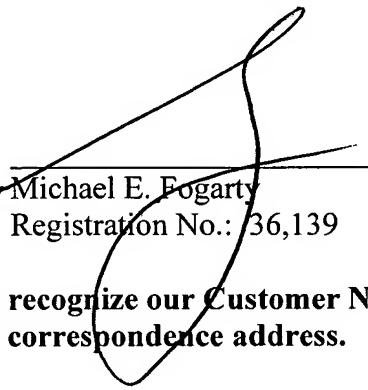
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To the extent necessary, an additional petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time.

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IN THE FIGURES:

Please amend Figs. 7-13 to include the legend "Prior Art" as indicated on the marked-up copy of the drawings enclosed herewith. Replacement drawings are also enclosed.